

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 PROMENANDE STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

RI DEM File Number: **DP-04-31**

Date: October 27, 2006

This office has under consideration the application request of **Weaver's Cove Energy, LLC** ("the Applicant") for a State of Rhode Island Dredge Permit, that includes a state of Rhode Island Water Quality Certification in accordance with the *Rules and Regulations for Dredging and the Management of Dredge Materials and State Water Quality Regulations*. The applicant proposes to dredge approximately 140,000 cubic yards of sediment from within the Rhode Island portion of the existing Federal Navigation Channel in Mount Hope Bay.

The approximate amount to be dredged from depths of up to -35 feet MLLW is approximately 40,000 cubic yards. This is considered maintenance dredging. The remaining approximately 100,000 cubic yards is the amount dredged from between -35 and -37 feet MLLW. While the amount dredged from between -35 and -37 is considered to be "improvement dredging." because it is a deepening of the authorized channel, the results of Weaver's Cove Tier II Sampling and Analysis and Plan indicates that the sediments in the zone are predominantly maintenance silts. The allowance for a full one-foot of over dredge will add approximately 90,000 cubic yards for a total project-planning total of 230,000 cubic yards.

Comments and Public invited: In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments we invite you to attend the public hearings listed below that the RIDEM will conduct in the project area. All interested Federal State and local agencies, interested private and public organizations, and individuals are invited to attend.

Public Hearing Locations:	November 14, 2006	Tiverton High School - Auditorium 100 North Brayton Road Tiverton, RI 02878 6:30pm to 10:00pm
	November 20, 2006	Mount Hope High School - Auditorium 199 Chestnut Street Bristol, RI 02809 6:30pm to 10:00pm

Additional Information: Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Ronald Gagnon at RIDEM -Office of Technical and Customer Assistance at (401) 222-6822, Ext. 7500. Documents related to this Notice may be reviewed at this Office by appointment by calling (401)-222-6822, Ext. 7307.